Obituary

"In the beginning" or "Once upon a time"... It's a wonderful phrase isn't it. Full of legend and myth, promise and mystery and a sort of invitation. "Come, let me tell you something... Once upon a time in IXL, Oklahoma Davetta (Jones) Mayes was born to Commadore & Nicie Jones.

She was the second of three children. Her father, mother, both siblings and one child, Linda, preceded her in death.

She attended Boley Public School. She then met the love of her life - Ozie Mayes and they were married in 1940. To this union nine children were born. Her family later moved to Sand Creek Community where she united with the Saint Emmanuel Baptist Church. There she served as Sunday School Instructor and was a very faithful member until in 1993 she moved to Oklahoma City after the death of her husband of 62 years. When she moved to Oklahoma City she united with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church where Rev. M.L. Tucker was the pastor.

Other than caring for her loving husband and children which she encouraged them to get a good education to be able to provide for their families. She enjoyed canning, cooking and gardening. But her favorite past time was quilting and family gatherings. She loved the family reunions when all the family would get together and reminisce about the good times.

She leaves a lasting legacy to five daughters; Yvonne Marie Husley, Erma Jean Nubine, Veldine Hill, Anner Lois James and Beverly Mayes, all of Oklahoma City, OK. Three sons; Alphonso (Claudette) Mayes, Sr., Alonzo (Gloria) Mayes, David Lee (Debra) Mayes, all of Oklahoma City. Two sisters-in-law: Bernice Mayes and Zoletha Jones. She also leaves 21 Grandchildren, 14 Great Grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the JOY of thy Lord". Matthew 25:23